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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have agreed to gear up for major cooperation in the field of education which could result in exchange of books between NCERT and National Book Foundation, Pakistan as reported in The Times of India dated February 23, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to share both countries expertise and experience in the fields of elementary, secondary and adult education;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has decided to explore possibility of exchange of experiences between the NCERT and National Book Foundation, Pakistan and to reproduction of text books; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (f) : A Working Group on Education set up by the Indo- Pakistan Joint Commission held its first meeting on 20th February 2007 in New Delhi and identified, among others, the following areas for collaboration:

(i) Exchange of printed material on educational development in the two countries;

(ii) Exchange of experiences between National Book Foundation in Pakistan and National Book Trust (NBT) and the National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT) in India for the reproduction of books required for education; and

(iii) Exchange of expertise and experience in the fields of elementary, secondary and adult education.